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Re: NSW Federal Redistribution 2023 – Comments

The Connells Point Progress Association wish to make comment on boundaries for the electorate of Banks.

The Connells Point Progress Association is a not-for-profit organisation formed to represent the residents of suburbs along the northern shore of the Georges River in particular the suburbs of Connells Point, Kyle Bay and Blakehurst.

The electorate of Banks should be retained.

However, changes to the boundary between Banks and the electorate of Cook should be adjusted so that all of the suburbs of Connells Point, Kyle Bay, Blakehurst, Carss Park, Kogarah Bay and Beverly Park fall within the electorate of Banks.

Prior to the previous redistribution this was the case with the boundary between Cook and Banks being the Georges River – a natural boundary being also the boundary between the Local Government Areas of Georges River and Sutherland Shire.

Following the previous redistribution, the boundary was adjusted to have in Cook a very small part of the suburb of Connells Point – **4 small cul-de-sacs and southern side of Terry Street** and all of the suburbs of Kyle Bay, Blakehurst, Carss Park, Kogarah Bay and Beverly Park.

The electorate of Cook predominately covers the Shire of Sutherland. The suburbs of Connells Point, Kyle Bay, Blakehurst, Carss Park, Kogarah Bay and Beverly Park fall within the LGA of Georges River. These suburbs have no identity with the Shire of Sutherland, are separated from Sutherland Shire by a natural waterway, the Georges River and are divided from other “like-minded communities of interest” within the LGA of Georges River and **also within the suburb as is the case with Connells Point.**

The current boundaries are an anomaly, as the area is split. Electoral boundaries should be chosen so as to divide between urban areas and **not to divide through urban areas.**

This redistribution should be an opportunity to clarify that Cook shouldn't bridge the Georges River.

The Connells Point Progress Association is strongly of the view that the Banks electorate is a much more logical fit for the suburbs of Connells Point, Kyle Bay, Blakehurst, Carss Park, Kogarah Bay and Beverly Park and requests that the Commission takes this into account in its deliberations

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